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Sir:
Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 63, 64, 70, and 77, without prejudice or disclaimer to their underlying subject matter and add new claim 83-99 as follows:

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-- 83. (Newly Added) A laser readable disc for use in conjunction with a playback apparatus having a random access capability and a control function for selectively playing separately addressed video segments; said laser readable disc having at least one spiral track storing a video program comprising a plurality of separately addressable video segments; video segment information directly defining said plurality of separately addressable video segments; and at least one segment code for preventing said control function of said apparatus from interfering with a playing of at least one of said plurality of separately addressable video segments.

84. (Newly Added) The laser readable disc of claim 83 wherein said control function is a segment skip function.

85. (Newly Added) The laser readable disc of claim 83 wherein said control function is a fast-forward function.

86. (Newly Added) The laser readable disc of claim 83 wherein said at least one